

of Ridgewood, Doug served with distinction on the town's Board of Education for almost a decade, and as President of the Board for five years. At the same time, Doug has shown deep devotion to his alma mater, Ohio Wesleyan University, having served as President and as an active member of the University's Alumni Association, and currently serving as Chairman of the University's Board of Trustees.

Above all, Doug has shown a keen interest in Scouting, and the values it instills in our young people. Doug has served as Chair of the Ridgewood-Glen Rock District of the Boy Scouts of America, and presently serves both as Vice President-Finance for the Northern New Jersey Council of the Boy Scouts, and Executive Vice President of the Northeastern Region. In 1997, Doug was the recipient of the BSA's prestigious Silver Beaver award in recognition of all that he has contributed to Scouting.

In gratitude for all that Doug has given to the Boy Scouts of America, the Northern New Jersey Council of the Boy Scouts this year will honor Doug with its "Good Scout" award. Doug's well-justified pride in this honor is shared by his wife Barbara, their three daughters, and indeed, all of the New Jersey Scouting community.

Mr. Speaker, through his good works, Douglas H. Dittrick exemplifies the American values that have made our country great, and truly gives meaning to the term "pillar of the community." I ask my colleagues in the House of Representatives to join me in congratulating Doug on his achievements, and thanking and saluting him for his dedication and contribution to so many members of our New Jersey community.

**HONORING SIDNEY "SID" M. OMAN
ON HIS TEN YEARS OF SERVICE
AS HOST OF WCTV-48'S SOUND-
ING BOARD PROGRAM**

HON. J. RANDY FORBES

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 14, 2002

Mr. FORBES. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to honor a patriot and pioneer in public television. Sidney "Sid" M. Oman has given ten years of service as host of the weekly public affairs talk show, "Sounding Board", on the City of Chesapeake's cable channel, WCTV-48.

Each week, Sid highlights hot topics in politics, current events, and other news that impact the residents of the Chesapeake community. He invites state and local leaders to talk about important issues, and share their thoughts with the community in an objective forum.

Sid and his "Sounding Board" have a long history together. From 1960-1964, he hosted the original "Sounding Board" on WAVY TV-10 in Hampton Roads, Virginia. From the beginning, the show featured people in local, state, and national politics and government, as well as those in the arts and media.

Sid has been serving his community in a variety of capacities for many decades. He

began his career of service as public relations chief for the City of Norfolk, and served five years as executive director of the Norfolk's International Azalea Festival, an annual celebration that salutes NATO member nations.

Sid's love of politics eventually persuaded him into public office. Sid served as a three-time mayor of Chesapeake, Virginia, and a one-time mayor of Elizabeth City, North Carolina. During these years of service, Sid continued to host weekly public television segments and call-in radio programs where citizens phoned in with questions and comments.

After ten years with WCTV, Sid Oman still holds a strong commitment to educating and providing information to the public. He and his wife, Lillian, are both well-respected and much-loved members of the Chesapeake community.

When not hosting "Sounding Board", Sid oversees his successful funeral business. In spring of 1964, Sid himself planned and coordinated the funeral of General Douglas MacArthur. Again—Sid's commitment to serving and honoring others has been an outstanding and lifelong pursuit.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in honoring Sid Oman, for his years of service to WCTV, to Chesapeake, and to the Commonwealth of Virginia.

**CONGRATULATING KATARZYNA
SZOTYNSKA, SAILING CHAMPION**

HON. JOHN J. LaFALCE

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 14, 2002

Mr. LaFALCE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Katarzyna Szotynska, a young woman from Warsaw, Poland, who was the recent winner of the World Laser Radial championships which was held in the greater Buffalo area at the Buffalo Canoe Club in nearby Ontario, Canada.

Ms. Szotynska is also the 2002 Silver medalist in the 3rd World Sailing Games in Marseille, France, and was the Gold Medal winner in the World Laser Radial Championships in Spain and Turkey in 2001 and 2000, respectively.

Katarzyna Szotynska was born in Poland and is studying culture at Warsaw University. She has been sailing Laser Radials for eight years. Ms. Szotynska is the first woman in the world to win three consecutive world championships in Laser Radials class. She is the most accomplished woman sailor in Polish history.

I ask the House of Representatives to join me in congratulating Katarzyna Szotynska on her accomplishments.

**IN HONOR OF ANDREW SAAVEDRA
FOR HIS SERVICE TO THE CITY
OF SANTA ANA**

HON. LORETTA SANCHEZ

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 14, 2002

Ms. SANCHEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Andrew Saavedra for his service to the

city of Santa Ana. Andrew was recently awarded the Rosita Diaz "love in Action" award from the Loyola Institute for Spirituality for his hard work and dedication to the community.

Sixteen years ago, Andrew started a soup kitchen at St. Joseph Catholic Church. When it first opened, the kitchen served only a handful of people. Today, the kitchen has expanded and now serves over 600 each week.

Andrew has also helped to establish citizenship and English classes in Santa Ana to help immigrants in the community to become a part of the Democratic process.

I am very proud of Andrew and appreciate his service to the citizens of Santa Ana.

**DEAN STRATTON: A HUNTER'S
LIFE**

HON. JAMES A. BARCIA

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 14, 2002

Mr. BARCIA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor my good friend and fellow bow hunter, Dean Stratton of Rhodes, Michigan, in acknowledgment and appreciation for his entrepreneurial spirit and long-time commitment to promoting advanced hunting techniques in Michigan and nationwide.

Dean and I share a love of hunting and the great outdoors. I have enormous respect and admiration for him as a hunter and as a businessman who turned his \$100 investment into the biggest commercial game call business in the state. His family-owned business, Stratton Outdoor Products, along with Stratton Deer Farm, stand as models for other small business owners pursuing their own versions of the American Dream.

Over the years, Dean has used his own passion for hunting to help countless others discover the thrills and satisfaction on the sport. A native of Bay City, Dean pioneered the development of deer calls and was the first businessman in the state to sell deer and game calls commercially. He made his discovery by observing how deer communicate. He then used that knowledge to transform a duck call into a prototype for luring deer. Dean's deer calls are now widely used by hunters throughout the country.

In addition to marketing his innovative, hand-made products to hunters and hunting outlets across the country, Dean also has successfully harvested trophy-class whitetail deer and wild turkey for many years. Always willing to share his expertise on deer and turkey behavior and on some of the advanced hunting techniques he has developed, Dean has conducted seminars and clinics to pass on his knowledge to others. He also is an accomplished author, photographer and radio talk show host. Dean credits his wife, Cheryl Ann, and their sons, Christopher, Jason and Adam, with allowing him to pursue and achieve his dreams.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Dean Stratton for his many contributions to hunting. He is indeed a straight shooter and a strong advocate for hunters and outdoor enthusiasts across this great land and throughout the world.